

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and these remarks are in response to the Final Office Action dated October 17, 2007 in which claims 1-17 were rejected.

Applicant appreciates the time taken by the Examiner to discuss this patent application with undersigned counsel of record during a series of telephone interviews occurring on December 12, 2007, January 4, 2008 and January 8, 2008. At such interviews the prior art of record was discussed, including U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0141624 to Davis. The claim amendments herein were also discussed with the Examiner. The Examiner has acknowledged that these claim amendments overcome the prior art of record. In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims now present in the application clearly avoid the art of record and are now in condition for allowance.

Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

If there are any issues which the Examiner believes can be resolved through a Supplemental Response of an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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